

WALLACE EUGENE 'BOB' TATE

Feb. 20, 1923 - Aug. 25, 2005

Wallace Eugene "Bob" Tate, 82, died at his residence on Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005, at 9:50 p.m. He was born Feb. 20, 1923, in Mitchelburg, Ky., a son of William Clinton and Lena Lister. On Nov. 15, 1941, he married Dorothy Wilkerson in Lebanon, Ky., and she survives.

Bob worked for Continental Steel as a nail machinist for 19 years, and also worked for American Standard Pottery for 15 years. He served honorably in the U.S. Navy during World War II on the USS John C. Butler, a DE339 Destroyer Escort.

He was a former member of the VFW and was a Deacon at Center Grove Baptist Church. He liked riding his motorcycle in his younger years and was a jack-of-all-trades. He enjoyed working on cars, and was a "pretty good mechanic." He was most proud of his family and his service to the Navy.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dorothy Tate of Kokomo; two daughters, Joyce Powell and husband John of Covington, Tenn., and Judy Matson and husband Edward of Kokomo; two sons, Steve Tate and wife Diana and Jerry Tate and his partner Sandy, all of Kokomo; 15 grandchildren, Jeffery, Brian, Gregory and Russell Powell, Timothy and Amy Garner, Jamnis and Justin Tate, Randy, Dan and Joe Tate, Karen Badgley, Lisa Johnson, Christy Matson and Cara Trine; 26 great-grandchildren; and six great-great grandchildren, as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; six sisters; and a great-grandson, Michael Paul Badgley.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, 2097 W. Alto Road. Entombment will follow at Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery with military honors being performed by the Kokomo VFW Military Rites Team. Calling hours will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Condolences may be offered online to www.mem.com.

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